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Pilates
at
**The Stewart Hall
Little Kimble**
There is a class on
Tuesdays at 10.30 am
and on
Wednesdays at 5 pm.
All levels are welcome.

Contact Kay
07962.172906
for further information

Whist Drives
February 12th
&
February 26th
All welcome to these friendly
evenings,
7.30pm
in The Stewart Hall
Little Kimble
Mary Tate
01296 612481

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regular bookings or one-off
events: ample parking, Large
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The Management Committee
would welcome new
members to help with the
mangement of this important
parish facility

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GWEN'S
CHARITY PLANT STALL
I am pleased to report, that I
started the New Year off, by
sending off the residue of the
monies taken on my stall for 2023.
This amounted to £900, making a
total of £2,900 for the year.
Many thanks , as usual, to all
those who bought plants,
Christmas wreaths, chutneys and
preserves, and apples etc,
Special thanks to all those of you
who so kindly donated many of
the aforementioned items.

By the time this goes to print, in
February, I hope to have a good
selection of spring plants-
primroses, primulas, snowdrops,
narcissus, pansies and violas, and
probably more.

Here's hoping that I can count
on your continuing support.
If you haven't done so before, do
pop down to see the ever-
changing variety of plants,
at
Haylands, Kimblewick Road.
Thank you again, Gwen Nicosia

Can You Help?
We need someone to deliver
this Newsletter to the residents
of Bridge Street. It is once a
month (not August or January)

Your Parish Newsletter relies
on volunteers delivering to all
homes in the Parish. If you have
some spare time to help deliver
the newsletter do let the editor
know.

The Newsletter is produced &
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GREAT AND LITTLE
KIMBLE cum MARSH
NEWSLETTER
No 550
February 2024

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH
GREAT KIMBLE
&
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
LITTLE KIMBLE
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www.facebook.com/StNicholasGreatKimble/

For weddings, baptisms and
funerals please contact The
Reverend Janet Wales on
01296 612936 or leave a
message at The Benefice
Centre, 28 Risborough Road,
Stoke Mandeville, 01296
615886

St Nicholas' Church
Great Kimble
Services

4th February
9am Parish Communion
*
11th February
10.45 Morning Worship
*
18th February
9.15
St Nic's Kids
*
25th February
10.45
Informal Communion

FROM
REV. JANET WALES
News may have reached you, but
probably has not, that I am
retiring and will be stepping down
from my post of Interim Priest-in-
Charge at Kimble, Ellesborough
and Stoke Mandeville at the end
of February.
My first memory of the Parish was
on Remembrance Day 2013. In
those days the police escorted us
to the Memorial by allowing us to
walk down one side of the road
itself. I stepped over the line in
the middle of the road to take a
photograph and was told 'not to
cross the line!' by the policeman.
I have been associated with the
Parish for over 10 years; it is with
sadness that I say 'goodbye' and
wish you all the best.
When my husband retires, we will
be moving to Lincolnshire. A
theologian called Jenny Gaffin
writes about how Jesus himself
always moved around and so did
the people of Israel – always they
found God ahead of them in their
new place. She concludes an
article on this constant presence
of God with these words: 'So here
in this cherished place, bag in
hand, I will give thanks: I will not
envy the fox its carefully dug hole,
nor the birds of the air their nest.
Love, portable and resilient, is
itself the rootedness; another
change, another scene can only
deepen the truth of it. So now,
together with the Son of Man and
in the most excellent of company;
I once again turn my face to the
road.'

God Bless you all, Janet

Everyone welcome at
St Nic's Kids

Sunday 18th February
St Nicholas' Church
Doors Open 9.15
Coffee and Pastries and Sunday
Newspapers for the adults
Activities and crafts and face
painting for the children
Before a fun, relevant and short
All Age Service along with the
Great Kimble School choir

Everyone welcome,
we'd love to see you there!!

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
9am
Wednesdays
14th 21st & 28th
February
St Nicholas' Church
Enjoy coffee and a short
Act of Worship
All are welcome.

Come & See

Are you looking for love? This Lent,
Come and See how God calls each of
us into a deep relationship with Him,
and how this love teaches us to love
others well.
Explore the Way of Love taking a
closer look at the Commandments
and what they mean in the context of
God's love for us.
There are two ways you can partake
in this informal discussion;

- *Come and See is a series of daily emails and a short video to watch each Sunday during Lent. Find out more at oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see*
- *You can also join a small group of us on a Wednesday morning at 9am at St Nicholas' Church, Great Kimble where we will cover the series over a period of 5 weeks starting on 21st February. For more information, contact Estelle at estellef@hotmail.co.uk or 07768 327910.*

VILLAGE
COFFEE MORNING
at
The Swan, Great Kimble
Takes place on the
First Friday
of each month
February 2nd
10.30am
Do come along on

Connect.....

Some of us from Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh have got together and set up a WhatsApp group. It provides a place to share local news, talk to and look out for each other and contact neighbours for support. Delia and Harvey moderate the chat if needed but are not in charge, just aiming to provide a useful facility for the community. If you would like to join in please contact Delia - dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk or Harvey - halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk with your number. We look forward to welcoming you.

**Just Worship
at Kimble Free Church
Grove Lane
First Friday of the month
6pm - 7pm
An hour of worship songs –
the perfect way to enter the
weekend burden free and
refreshed.**

**Little Kimble Free Church
The Soup Place
Every Wednesday
12 noon - 2pm
In the
Kimble Free Church Hall
*
Craft Café
10am -12 noon 2nd
Wednesday of the month
*
T4U
10.30 -12noon
3rd Wednesday of each month
(usually with a speaker from
a charity
Tea and Coffee)**

Hayfield Build, Little Kimble
For any queries about the Hayfield Build Please contact the Site Manager Matt Phillips on mphillips@hayfield.co.uk

Chiltern Ladies
Would like to welcome new members to a Ladies Club held in the Stewart Hall Little Kimble HP17 0XN
Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 2pm. We are a group of ladies who enjoy meeting once a month. We have speakers on a variety of subjects and have outings to places of interest, some by our own transport and some by coach. We also enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit (or cake) Please come and see if you would like to join us.

VIOLIN, VIOLA & CELLO Players – We need you!!

Senior Strings Club is seeking **Violin, Viola and Cello players** who have started learning (perhaps in their younger years, or during the Covid lockdown!) and would like to return to playing and continue learning their instrument in a very supportive and friendly group. Whatever level you are, we have music for you!

Why not come along and meet us?

The music we play is varied and exciting – from Bach to Beatles and beyond! All the music is arranged for your standard, and you are encouraged to learn to improve on your instrument over the course of your membership. No patronising tutor books here, we learn REAL music together.

Give us a go, come along and find out what it's all about.

**Mondays 1.30pm for an hour.
In The Stewart Hall**
To arrange a free trial or a visit to us, Email seniorstrings@hotmail.com

**The Swan Quiz League
Every first
Wednesday of the month
Starts 7th February
7pm – 10pm
Teams of 6 max
£5 per team member
Half time curry/chilli**

Kimble & Ellesborough Horticultural Society



**Monthly meetings are held at
Stewart Hall starting at 8pm.
If you are not a member but
would be interested in coming
to any meetings do contact
Brian Butler (Chairman)
butler@care4free.net or call him
on 01844 342220. Please see
our website for any updates.
Our December meeting:**

FEBRUARY On ZOOM 6th February 8pm

Organic Gardening – Happy Plants, Happy Minds

We welcome Nicola Hope who is an RHS Master of Horticulture with a passion for organic gardening. She is a designer, writer and speaker with a lively style and gorgeous photographs on her social media. She will take us through a gardening year at the big garden in the Cotswolds where she works and has promised plenty of tips, beautiful flowers and vegetables.

Tuesday 5th March

AGM 7 15 pm

Plants for Shade and Woodland 8 00 pm

Timothy Walker, former Director at Oxford University Botanic Gardens and now lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College, Oxford, is always a very informative and entertaining speaker. Most gardens have somewhere that the sun does not shine for some, or all, of the day. This talk looks at which plants can be grown in the five different types of shade in a variety of different soils such as dry or damp. All the plants are suitable for a small garden. It also looks at the woodlands around the world that have given us so many good garden

plants.

If you would like more information, do contact Charlie Taylor, Membership Secretary, at kehs.bucks@outlook.com or ask any Committee member at one of the meetings. You can also visit our website for further details.

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Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets in the committee room of the Stewart Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, apart from May, when the start time is 7pm.

The Parish Council are always willing to consider community projects and welcome any ideas from parish residents.

Contact the clerk - clerk@kimblecouncil.org
Litter Picking. The Parish Council employs Sunnyside Rural Trust to litter pick around the Parish. This is a lovely and very worthy charity, which supports adults with special needs in supervised employment. They currently come once a month, but the Parish Council have agreed to see if they are available to come twice a month.

If any resident has the time and would like to litter pick, the Parish Council provide the litter pick forks and the purple litter pick bags, which will be collected free of charge from any roadside location. Contact the clerk clerk@kimblecouncil.org if you would like litter picking equipment.

**Do check out the
Parish Council Web Site
www.kimblecouncil.org
to contact the Parish Council
clerk@kimblecouncil.org**

And The Little Bit of History.....

Areas of land in the village being developed for housing have their own story to tell.....
The small development at 'Pippin Close' on the opposite side to the Swan pub is a case in point. In medieval times it was part of a large open field called 'North Field' and was part of the Hampden Estate of Great Kimble Manor. Some parts of the estate land- such as 'Grangelands' were farmed directly by the estate but North Field was farmed by tenants.

In 1349 a terrible epidemic of Bubonic Plague hit the country and Mark Reed in his book on the History of the Buckinghamshire Landscape points out that Great Kimble manor had no tenants left by 1352. There was also a chronic shortage of labour so the estate parcelled out some 4 acre plots of land which could be sold on favourable terms to attract agricultural workers. One such was Bateman's Close which occupied 4 acres at the end of Bridge Street. The tenants would still have to work for the estate to afford the mortgage on the land. In other cases the new yeomen farmers failed because they grew the same crops as the estate and so were often unable to work their own land successfully at busy times such as ploughing, harvest and threshing time. The Batemans diversified and instead of growing grain crops they planted an orchard, which almost certainly was mixed with livestock, possibly pigs, on their close.

Some of the closes were later repurchased by the estate but at the time of enclosure [1805] Batemans Close retained its identity. The footpath – which used to be a driveway for cattle - takes a small left turn at the stile at the boundary of Bateman's Close.

Roger Howgate

Kimble's Journey

**Read about
Kimble's History and its place in
English History in.....**

**Kimble's Journey
www.kimblesjourney.uk**

Interested in the history of our parish and other tales of the area, including Chequers, then you will enjoy Kimble's Journey researched and written by local historian, Roger Howgate. In some 272 pages and 400 illustrations the book tells the history of England from the viewpoint of our rural parish. Available from: rhowgate@yahoo.com 01844 344680 & The Swan Pub, Cymbeline – Princes Risborough £12 each if you collect- £20 by post (**profits from the sale of the book are shared among village charities**)